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1. SOVIET TELEVISION EVENING OF JULY 20 AND SOVIET PRESS JULY 21 CARRIED TASS ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING IN CRIMEA BETWEEN BREZHNEV AND HUSAK, ALONG WITH STILL PHOTOS OF THE EVENT.
2. MOST NOTEWORTHY IN THE SUMMATION BY TASS OF THE TALKS WAS A TOUGH PARAGRAPH ON HUMAN RIGHTS STATING

THAT "ATTEMPTS BY CERTAIN IMPERIALIST CIRCLES TO REPRESENT THEMSELVES AS PATRONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS ARE FROM BEGINNING TO END HYPOCRITICAL. IN FACT, ALL OF THEIR ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT ARE DICTATED BY THEIR STRIVING TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES AND PEOPLES."

3. THE FOREIGN POLICY ASPECTS OF THE TASS REPORT ARE ALSO NOTABLE FOR THEIR TOUGHNESS. NATO IS CONDEMNED FOR STEPPING UP TENSIONS AND CHINA IS DEALT WITH PARTICULARLY HARSHLY, BOTH FOR ITS CONSORTING WITH THOSE WHO SEEK TO RAISE TENSIONS AND FOR ITS "PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS" AGAINST SRV. THE COMMENTS ON CHINESE-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS STRIKE US AS INTENDED TO CONVEY A PARTICULARLY SPECIFIC WARNING TO PEKING, COMING FROM BREZHNEV AND ISSUED BY A FORUM WHICH WOULD NOT NORMALLY BE EXPECTED TO DEAL WITH EVENTS QUITE SO REMOTE FROM THE USSR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THIS ATTACK AGAINST PEKING IS PROBABLY ALSO MEANT FOR JAPANESE CONSUMPTION ON THE EVE OF THE REOPENING OF THE SINO-JAPANESE PFT TALKS.

4. ON BILATERAL CZECHOSLOVAK-SOVIET RELATIONS, WE NOTE THAT PRAVDA OF JULY 21 ALSO CARRIES A LONG TASS SUMMARY OF AN EDITORIAL ARTICLE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RUDE PRAVO CONDEMNING "REVISIONISM" AND ONCE AGAIN PAYING FULL (AND SHAMELESS) OBEISANCE TO THE SOVIET INTERPRETATION OF THE EVENTS OF 1968. MATLOCK

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